Fifth Pay Commission

266. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the Fifth Pay Commissions's report in full or in parts;

(b) the main recommendations of the Commission regarding interim relief and merger of dearness allowance with pay for payment of gratuity;

(c) whether Government have taken any decision in this regard; if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether regarding merger of D.A. the benefit had been restricted to payment of gratuity only; and

(e) if so, the details in this regard and steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (e) The Fifth Central Pay Commission has submitted an Interim Report making following recommendation:

(i) Grant of Interim Relief at the rate of 10% of the basic pay, subject to minimum of Rs.100 per month to all employees;

(ii) grant of Interim Relief to pensioners at the rate of Rs. 50 per month plus 10% of the basic pension/ family pension, subject to a minimum of Rs.50 per month;

(iii) dearness allowance linked to the average AICPT 1201.66 may be treated as dearness pay for reckoning emoluments for the purpose of retirement gratuity and death gratuity alone and the ceiling on gratuity be enhanced from Rs.1 lakhs to Rs.2.5 lakhs; and

(iv) These recommendations may be given effect from 1st April, 1995.

The Government have accepted and implemented these recommendations.

Revamping of Air India

267. SHRI SARDA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the performance of Air India is far from satisfactory;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to revamp Air India; and

(d) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The profits of Air India in 1994-95 declined compared to that of 1993-94, due to:—

(i) impact of depreciation and interest of the B747—400 aircraft acquired during 1993-94;

(ii) impact of cancellation of flights in the wake of plague outbreak;

(iii) increased maintenance cost of the fleet;

(c) and (d) Air India is taking steps to improve its product, image and on-time performance to attract more passengers and increase the revenue; the number of services will also be increased depending upon additional entitlements and traffic demand.

Investments Made By UTI

268. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total funds invested by the Unit Trust of India in securities, shares, debentures and other operations during 1994-95;

(b) the total amount raised by UTI from public under different schemes of UTI during that year; and

(c) the earnings of the UTI during 1994-95 under different schemes, unit-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) UTI has made an additional net investment of Rs.8712.1 crores during the first eleven months (1st July, 1994 to 31st May, 1995) of the year 1994-95.

(b) UTI raised over Rs.11250 crores under different schemes during 1994-95.

(c) The earnings of UTI under different schemes for any year are normally available after finalisation of audited accounts for the year in September.

Production of Mulberry Silk

269. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the mulberry silk producing States;

(b) the production of mulberry silk in those States during the last three years;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the area under mulberry cultivation in the non-traditional States; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction particularly in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G.VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) A statement indicating names of mulberry silk producing States and their production of mulberry silk during the last 3 years is enclosed. (Please *see* below).

(c) and (d) In order to increase area under mulberry cultivation in non-traditional States, a World Bank/Swiss Development Cooperation assisted National sericulture Project is being implemented in 12 non-traditional states (including Orissa) since 1989-90 and an expenditure of Rs.22.58 crores has been incurred till 1994-95.

In so far as Orissa is concerned, the National Sericulture Project envisages mulberry acreage of 2000 acres and creation of the following infrastructure in the State during the project period upto December '96.

(1) Basic Seed Farms	1
(2) Silkworm seed Production Centre	1
(3) Technical service Centres	8
(4) Demonstration-cum-Training Centre	1
(5) Cocoon Drying Chambers	40
(6) Sericulture Training School	1

Apart from this, an area of 1742 acres had been brought under mulberry Bivoltine sericulture Development Project implemented by Central Silk Board (CSB) and the State Government of Orissa during 1987-88 to 1994-95 at a cost of Rs.5.44 crores. Besides, maintaining a Regional Agriculture Research station at Koraput and a Research Extension centre at Kuchinda, the CSB has also been implementing in Orissa Central Plan schemes for the supply of mulberry cuttings, education of framers and incentive for bivoltine raw silk producers to encourage them to take up bivoltine sericulture.

Statement

A Statement Indicating Names of Mulberry Silk Producing States and their Production of Mulberry Silk during the last 3 Years

[In M.T.]

State	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95 (Provisional)
Andhra Pradesh	3139	2858	2480
Assam	20	28	24